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IN RE Petition of DIECA Communications,)	Docket No. 04-001860
Inc , d/b/a Covad Communications Company,)	
for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement)	
Amendment with BellSouth)	
Telecommunications, Inc Pursuant to Section)	
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, Charles E. (Gene) Watkins hereby makes application for permission to appear and to participate in the above-captioned matter on behalf of DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company ("Covad"), and in support of this application states as follows:

- 1. The undersigned, Gene Watkins, has a residence address of 4660 Hitching Post Trail, Atlanta, GA 30309 and a business address of 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E., 19th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.
- 2. The undersigned will enter an appearance on behalf of Covad in the above-captioned matter.
 - 3. The undersigned is Senior Counsel for Covad.
- 4. The undersigned is currently licensed, is in good standing, and is admitted to practice in the State of Georgia (Georgia Bar # 740340) and no disciplinary action or investigation of Mr. Watkins' conduct is pending.

5. The undersigned agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of this Authority in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before this Authority.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned requests that he be admitted *pro hac vice* to appear and participate in the above-styled matter on behalf of Covad.

Charles E. (Gene) Watkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of August, 2004.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/18/2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September $\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial x}$, 2004, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via electronically, U.S. mail or hand delivery:

Guy Hicks BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 333 Commerce St., Suite 2101 Nashville, TN 37201

Henry Walker

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